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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by January 2, 2003, and this response is being submitted within that time period. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,419,578 to Moody ("Moody"). The present invention can be distinguished from